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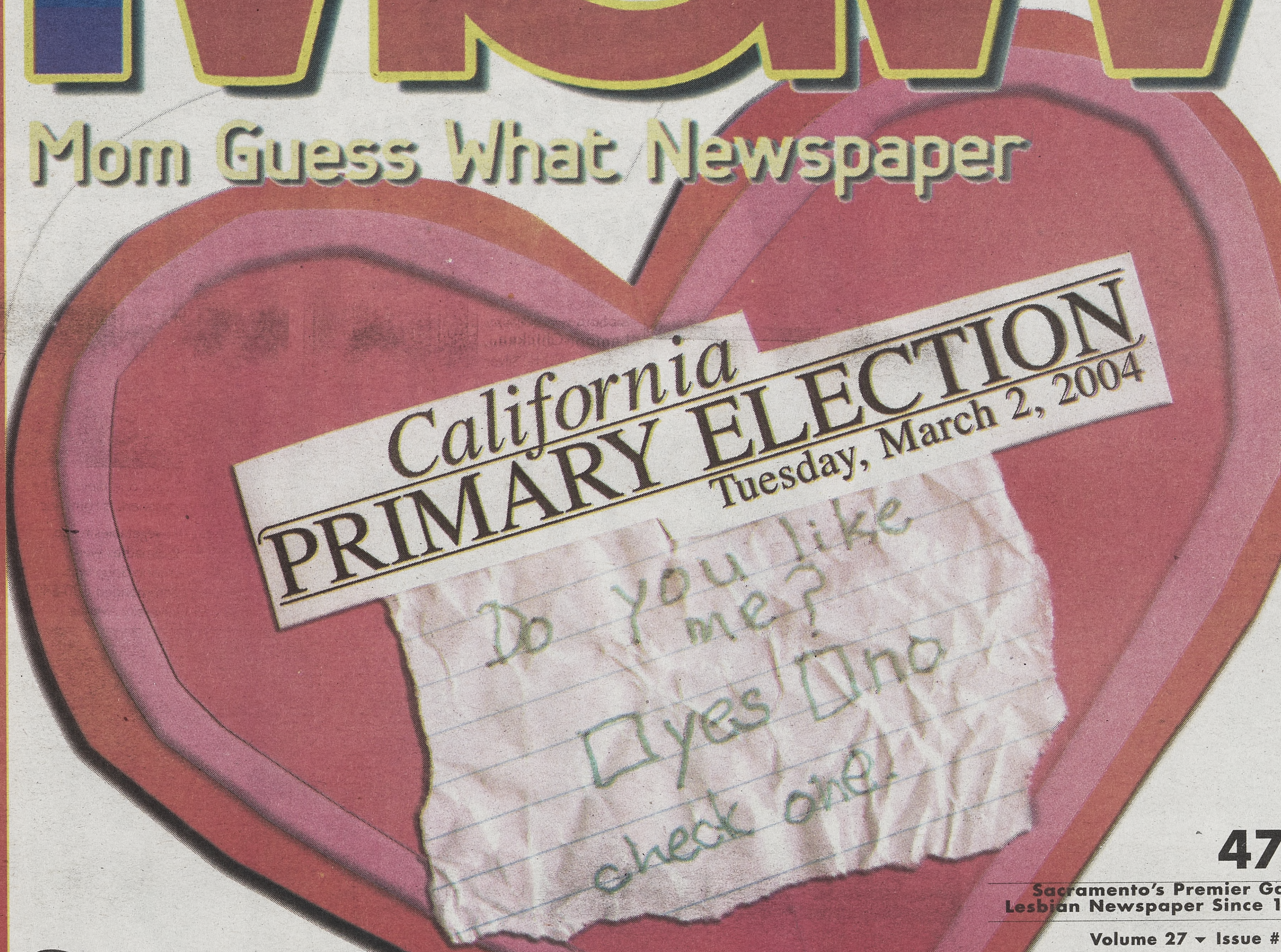
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Statute of Limitations Extended

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In a vote of 71-1, the California Assembly approved AB 1667, which extends California's statute of limitations for child molestation cases.

Current law requires cases to be filed within 10 years of the incident, but this legislation by Assemblywoman **Christine Kehoe** (D-San Diego), and sponsored by Attorney General **Bill Lockyer** and the California District Attorneys Associa-tion, would allow victims to file a case any time prior to the victim reaching 30 years of age. The bill is not retroactive.

Current law also extends the normal statute of limitations if the case is filed within one year of the victim's report to law enforcement, but only if there is corroborating evidence. The extended one-year period would continue to apply under AB 1667.

"These victims often spend decades suffering in silence," said Kehoe. "Frequently, it is not until they are established, independent, and on their own that they are able to come forward and report the crime."

An estimated 150,000 to 200,000 new cases of sexual abuse occur each year, according to the American Medical Association. ▼

Info: democrats.assembly.ca.gov

State of the Union Disgrace

By Michael Lapore
MGW Staff

President **George W. Bush** reaffirmed his support for defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman during his 2004 State of the Union address.

Bush also called on the American people to respect different cultures, but ultimately failed to respect the differences in our communities. He proclaimed, " Our Nation must defend the sanctity of marriage," which most interpreted as a reference to the proposed constitutional amendment, which will only recognize marriage between heterosexual couples in the U.S.

Bush's statements had both sides of the debate over recognizing same-sex marriages clambering to quote the first amendment, which states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

GLBT and civil rights organizations saw Bush's statements as an endorsement of certain branches of Christianity, though some religious organizations claimed that their right to freely exercise their religion would be violated by such a limiting view of marriage.

At the very least, Bush has once again shown himself capable of quickly dividing the country on an issue. The Democratic National Committee Chairman, **Terry McAuliffe**, responded, "To use this country's most cherished document to strip away individual liberty and freedom would be nothing short of a disgrace." ▼

Local

HAPPENINGS

Focus on Freedom

OF SPEECH
OF WORSHIP
4 FREEDOMS
FROM FEAR
FROM WANT

By Casandra Davis
MGW Editor

The Stonewall Democratic Club of Greater Sacramento will hold its first annual Four Freedoms Award Dinner and Auction on March 27. The event is billed as "a modern reflection of the inspiration given to our nation by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his memorable Four Freedoms speech during the Great Depression."

All friends, family, and members of the GLBT community are invited to leaders who represent the four freedoms – freedom from want, freedom of speech, freedom of worship, and freedom from fear.

The Stonewall Democrats announced that the following awards will be presented at the event:

The Four Freedoms Award: Judy Shepard, mother of the late **Matthew Shepard**, for her work fighting against intolerance;

Freedom From Want Award: Ellen Pontac and **Shelly Bailes** for their fight for the rights of all families;

Freedom of Speech and Expression Award: The late **Gail Lang** and the Lavender Library for their work to preserve and protect GLBT history;

Freedom of Worship Award: Rev. Don Fado for his stand against discrimination and for religious equality; and,

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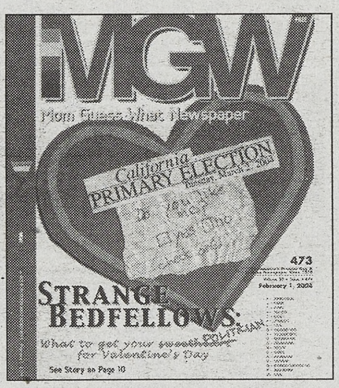

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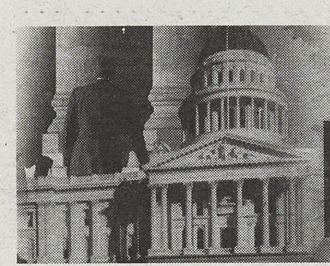

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Denver Public Schools Protect Transgender Students

MGW Staff

Transgender and gender non-conforming students in the Denver Public School System are now protected under inclusion policies unanimously adopted by the school board at its January meeting.

"All students within this school district regardless of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity shall be entitled to the benefits of a good education," the amended policy reads. "To secure such benefits, the needs and aspirations of all students shall be considered."

For two years the Denver Public School System worked with advisors, lawyers from the Colorado Legal Initiatives Project, and the GLBT Education Advisory Council in order to develop policies and protections for students whose gender expression is non-traditional. ▼

Info:ntac.org

Vacancy Announcement

Executive Director

The National Lesbian and Gay Law Association (NLGLA) is seeking an inspired and committed individual to assume a full-time position as its Executive Director. The deadline for application is March 15, 2004. ▼

Info: nlga.org

Tasmania Turns Around

MGW Staff

Under their new Relationship Act, Tasmania became the first state in Australia to accept same-sex unions, giving gay and lesbian partnerships status equivalent to married couples under state law.

It allows same-sex couples to gain full access to the medical, pension, caregiver and parental entitlements of heterosexual couples. Same-sex unions can now be registered with the state's department of Births, Deaths and Marriages, much like Vermont's civil unions.

The reforms are a quick turnaround from Tasmania's former stance on homosexuality. Until just five years ago, homosexuality was deemed a criminal offense, and open discrimination against gays and lesbians was commonplace.

"What these changes do is send absolute alarm bells to all those who have been discriminatory in the past that those days are well and truly gone," said **Michael Carnes**, before signing a commitment form with his partner, **Bob Lavis**. ▼

Info: tased.edu.au/tasonline/tasqueer

Dividing the Election

MGW Staff

Republican campaigners have started framing their rhetoric in anticipation of the 2004 presidential race. In the last presidential campaign they played **Ralph Nader**'s campaign as a divisive issue; this year they have already pointed to the topic of gay marriage.

Ed Gillespie, Chairman, Republican National Committee

The chairman of the Republican National Committee, **Ed Gillespie**, declared recently that if gay marriage becomes a divisive issue in the presidential election, it would be "the fault of the gay community itself." He told ABC, "If gay activists try to take the Massachusetts court ruling and nationalize the government sanction of gay marriage, I suspect it will be an issue."

Meanwhile, the National Transgender Advocacy Colalition and other GLBT organizations decried Gillespie's comments, emphasizing the importance in seeing the motivation behind the statement.

"The 'homosexual agenda/same-sex marriage' chestnut is a well-used tactic," said **Vanessa Edwards Foster**, Chair of the National Transgender Advocacy Coalition. "It not only incites phobia, but fills up campaign coffers, mobilizes anti-tolerance congregations, and gives them an effective polarizing tool to force people into one of two camps. It also allows the GOP to shift the focus onto same-sex marriage, and away from more troubling issues,"

Foster also attacked Gillespie's placement of blame, stating "Republi-cans introduced a Federal Marriage Amendment bill, and somehow they wish to twist that into the GLBT community pushing forth an aggressive agenda." ▼

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Hair Removal...it's all about timing

By Deborah Frank
MGW Staff

If you have been following along and have read the last issue of MGW, you are aware that we began discussing hair growth and hair removal. If by chance you missed it, try and grab yourself a copy to get up to speed or email me at Deborah@daymakersspa.com. I will try to recap in a nutshell what was covered.

The bottom line is that hair growth has three phases and in order to remove it once and for all, removal of hair in all three must be completed. The average time period to accomplish this takes about 6-10 weeks depending on how much and how quickly your own hair grows.

There are many means for removing hair, some are permanent and some are not. Additionally, some means of hair removal work best for certain areas. The chart shows the areas where hair is grown, followed by the best ways to remove it.

Hair Growth	Means for removal	Permanent or temporary
Face/eyebrows Upper lip	Shaving	Temporary
	Laser	Permanent
	Electrolysis	Permanent
	Tweezing	Temporary
	Depilatory	Temporary
	Waxing	Can be permanent or temporary
Body/Legs Underarms Back, bikini	All of the same except tweezing, which usually isn't done on the body.	

Ok, lets cut to the chase here. We have hair that we want to be gone FOREVER!! It is fairly costly to have electrolysis or laser treatments and all the other means for removal are temporary. So, where does waxing fit into the picture? Well, a good waxing can be effective when done properly, in removing hair permanently. Yes, you heard it here! For legs, underarms, back, and bikini area, waxing is fantastic! Waxing is also excellent for the face, eyebrows and upper lip but usually is not permanent.

Lets use leg hair as an example. Leg hair needs to be about ? inch in length before the first waxing treatment is done, this removes growth phase number one. Then, wait about 2 weeks in between the first and second treatment. The goal is again to have leg hair be approximately ? inch in length. This time, the hair is in growth phase number two for the most part. The same thing occurs with growth phase number three with the waiting period for grow out between the second and third waxing. Now, by the end of the third waxing treatment, most leg hair will be gone. The exception will be the hairs that were sort of "out of sync" with the rest. That is why there is usually a fourth waxing needed and sometimes even a fifth.

So as you can see, this takes some diligence and patience coupled with a burning desire to be hair free! Keep in mind; if at anytime during this whole process you shave your legs or use any other means of hair removal, the cycle begins all over again. You need to commit yourself to this process, but you CAN be successful.

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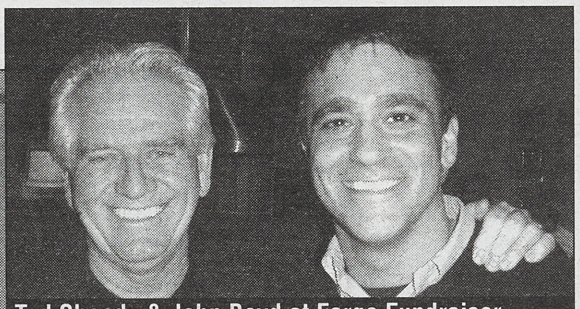
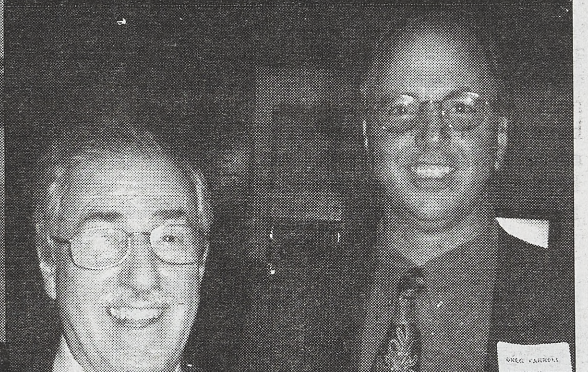


Ted Sheedy & John Boyd at Fargo Fundraiser.

Mayor Fargo shares her plans for the city. Dennis Mangers and Ted Ross listen in the background.



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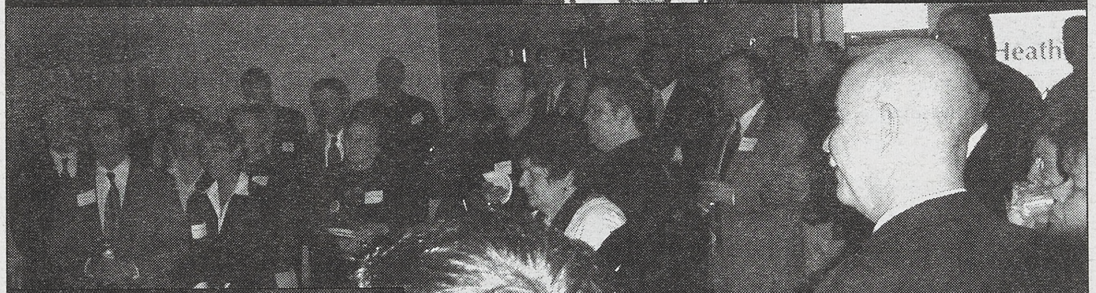

Enthusiastic supporters listen to Mayor Fargo's platform.

Eric Jensen & Ted Ross graciously shared their home for the Fargo Fundraiser.

Sandy Sheedy speaks, while Dennis Mangers, Michael Sestak & Eric Jensen listen.

Tina Reynolds of Uptown Gallery chats with Fargo supporters.

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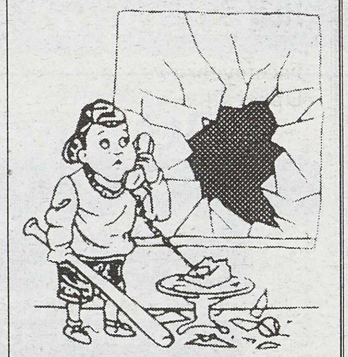

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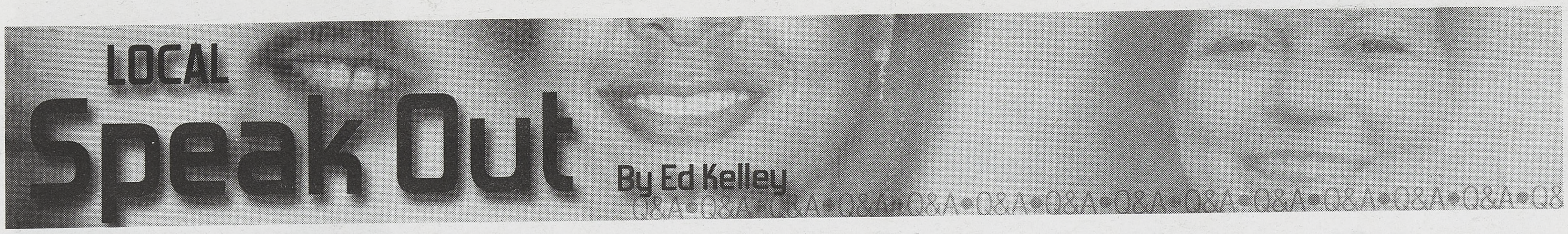
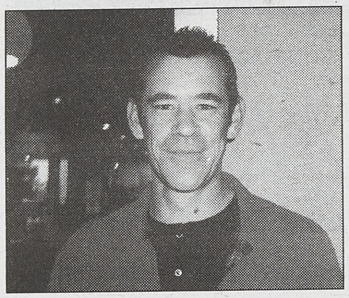


LOCAL Speak Out

By Ed Kelley

What Has Been Your Most Unusual Valentine's Day?



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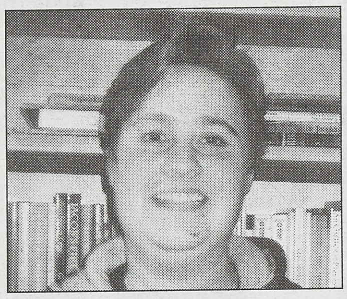
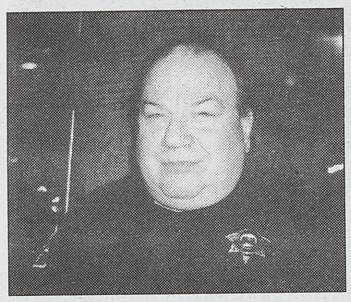
The best was the Valentine's Day joke where I came home from the ski resort where I worked and a sheriff's deputy was sitting on my couch. He finally presented me with my Valentine's day gift!



Jessi Felcher
Sacramento
Restaurant Manager

I was the one when my partner blindfolded me and drove me around Portland and we ended up at a McDonald's. A candlelit dinner was already waiting and we were dressed for a night of elegance.

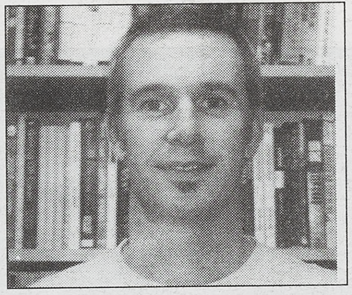


Dennise Vorks
Sacramento
Head of Security

I would say that the most unusual is the one forth coming. I'm having my breasts augmented as a Valentine's gift to myself. Thank you to my true friends!

Vanessa Brooks
Chico
Retail

This upcoming Valentine's Day I will be in Wisconsin with my boyfriend. We have been together since March and this is my fourth trip back east! This is our first Valentine's Day together.



Trebor Healey
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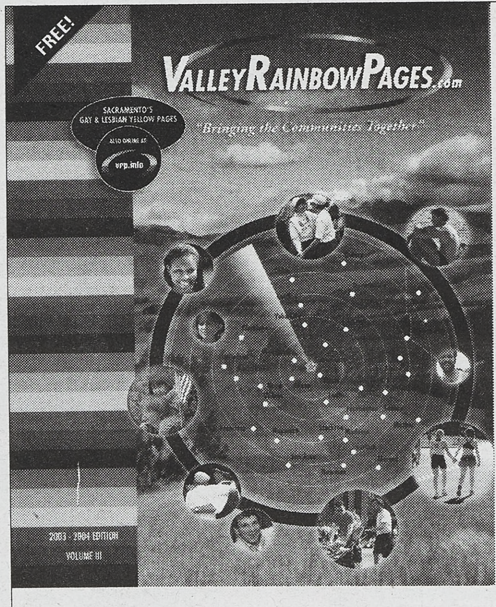

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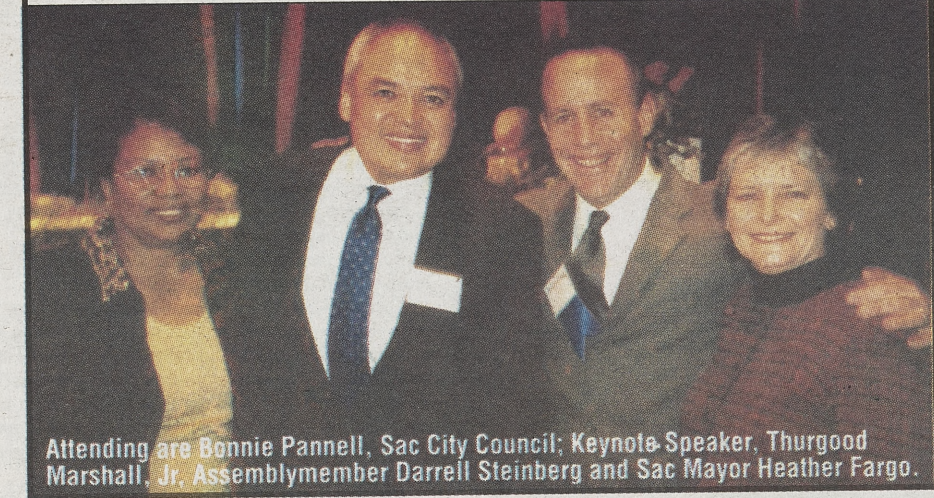

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MGW Photographer Shows His Wares

Artist/photographer Mike Ward showed his art at the Annual Broadway Art Festival across from Tower. Ward has been working on different techniques.

Geoffrey Kors Makes the Top Ten

Equality California (EQCA) Executive Director **Geoffrey Kors** made Hastings Wyman's "Annual Top 10 Red, White, and Lavender Leaders List" for being one of the ten gay leaders in America to make the greatest impact during 2003.

Under Kors' leadership, EQCA successfully advocated the most aggressive package of GLBT-friendly legislation in the country. According to EQCA Board President **Diane Abbit**, "Under Geoff's leadership, Equality California has significantly increased its budget, its staff, and its ability to pass needed legislation affecting California's GLBT communities."

Kors was third on the list, right after Congressman **Barry Frank** and former Human Rights Campaign Executive Director **Elizabeth Birch**. Also on the list was **Ron Oden**, an EQCA board member. ▼

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CAPITOL

By Cassandra Davis
MGW Staff

February. A time for love, and a time for campaign promises. That's right, the 2004 Primary election is quickly headed to Sacramento, and it is important to start learning who the candidates are and what they stand for.

For us, five candidates stand out, their actions moving them off the ballots and into our hearts.

Three of the candidates are local, and they all have made — and continue to make — a strong impression on the city of Sacramento. **Heather Fargo** and **Sandy Sheedy** already work smoothly together as Mayor and Vice Mayor, respectively. At a time when the state and the country struggle with overwhelming deficits, the city of Sacramento is thriving with a balanced budget.

Fargo has already set the stage for large-scale improvements in downtown, all of which manage to balance the needs of commuters, workers, storeowners, the community — even bicyclists and environmentalists.

Sheedy has supported South Sacramento community gardens while cracking down on illegal dumping

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BARBARA BOXER (D)

CALIFORNIA SENATOR

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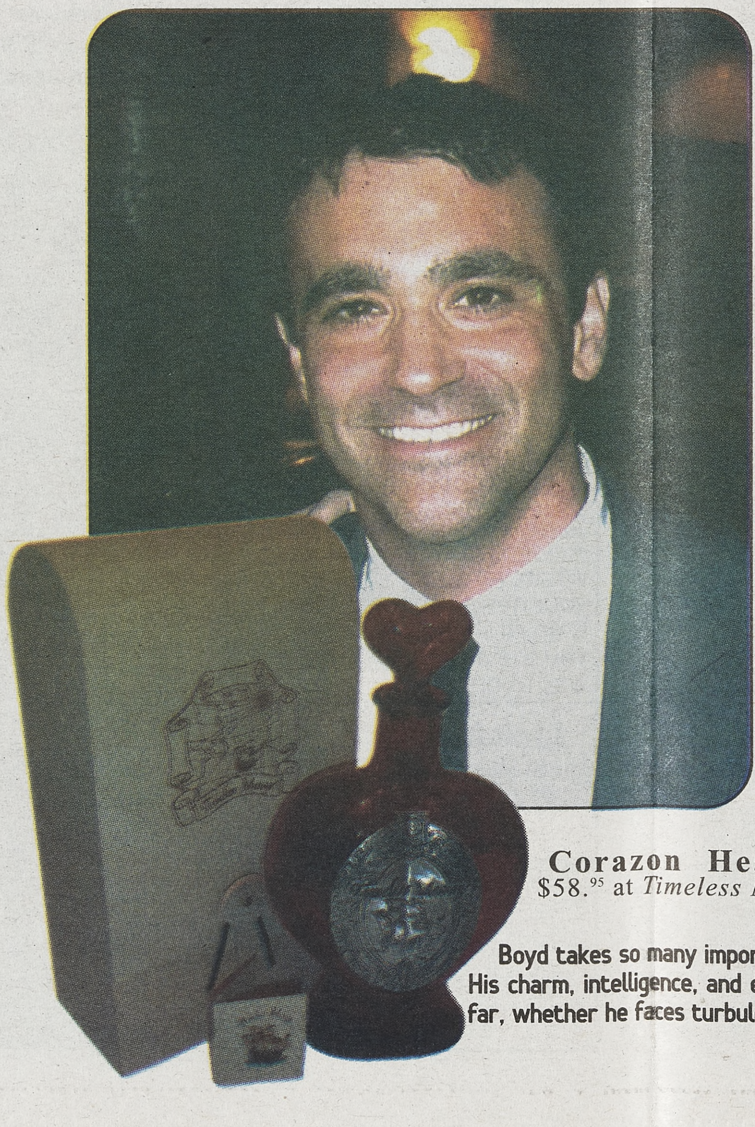
Boxer has proven herself in tune with the environmental needs of California. Among other earth-friendly measures, she pushed early on to save dolphins from the nets of tuna fisheries.

Minority rights, especially women's rights, are at the top of Boxer's list. She is currently pushing for the current administration to aid women in Afghanistan.



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and the sale of tobacco products to minors. She continues to focus on creating safe neighborhoods, good jobs, and quality schools in Sacramento.

John Boyd is the newcomer in this group, but he has proven his commitment to the future through his work at Shriners Hospital for Children, not to mention his work as a counselor helping families in need.

Nationally, it is hard not to support **Howard Dean.** He is a man of firsts — from his initial opposition to the war in Iraq to signing Vermont's Civil Union bill into law, he has led a career based true leadership.

Barbara Boxer brings us back a little closer to home. An early leader in the fight against AIDS, she has also made a name for herself protecting women's rights, preserving the environment, and fighting to reduce crime through both traditional and more innovative channels.

With that in mind, we invite you to show these five candidates some love. And don't forget to register to vote by February 15th so that you can head to the polls on March 2nd. ▼

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For the peaceful and prosperous balance Fargo continues to bring to Sacramento. Her efforts have improved the Financial, aesthetic, and environmental appeal of the downtown area.

HEATHER FARGO (D)

SACRAMENTO MAYOR

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Fargo, is a strong yet softspoken woman who has proven herself to be a wonderful spokesperson for the GLBT community – not to mention the rest of Sacramento – giving us all so much more than lipservice. She has helped downtown thrive as a community and a city in large part because she speaks to so many different groups within Sacramento.

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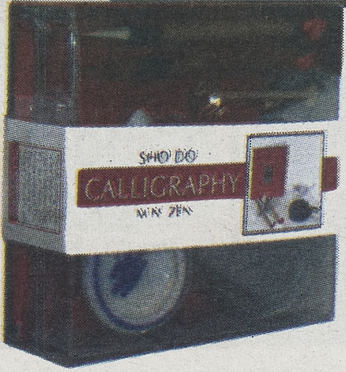

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Dude, Where's My Life?

By Stefan Gruenwedel
MGW Staff

The Butterfly Effect
Written and Directed by Eric Bress and J. Mackye Gruber Starring: Ashton Kutcher and Amy Smart. (Rated R, 130 min.)

Who hasn't wanted to change the past by undoing something terrible you did or that happened to someone you love?

Taking a cue from "chaos theory," which posits that small events magnify themselves unpredictably over time (such as a butterfly's wing flapping causing a typhoon half a world away), The Butter-fly Effect applies that idea to events in one man's life and explores the consequences of changing the past to make the present "better."

It's like a one-man version of "Seven Days," only the success rate pales in comparison to Lt. Parker's on that silly TV show.

The Butterfly Effect also gives **Ashton Kutcher** a chance to spread his wings, evolve beyond TV's "That '70s Show," and prove he can tackle more demanding projects than Dude Where's My Car?, Just Married, or My Boss's Daughter. As it turns out, the film does him pretty good justice, even if the story itself doesn't necessarily deserve it.

Kutcher plays Evan, a man who's been haunted by his childhood all his life. As a boy he keeps a journal of his thoughts to grapple with gaps in his memory that mask some painful episodes.

As a man he discovers that rereading those journals brings back such vivid memories that they transport him back in time, effectively allowing him to relive and change those events so that his future plays out very differently.

In reality, a person's brain is pretty amazing and mysterious. In this film, Evan's brain is some sort of wonder organ that defies explanation or logic. His doctor can't believe the CAT scans that show Evan's brain activity and, unfortunately, neither can we.

The Butterfly Effect not only relies on repeated suspensions of disbelief from the audience, it practically demands it.

Evan doesn't travel through time using a fanciful machine; he relies on his own thoughts to transport him to key moments in his past.

Naturally these attempts backfire, as chaos theory would predict. At least Kutcher does a good job looking astonished at the outcome of his temporal experiments. But after a while, the gimmick plays itself out and ceases to be interesting.

His main costar is **Amy Smart**, who plays Evan's childhood sweetheart, Kayleigh. She's attractive and effective but she does little more than react to the dramatically different situations she finds herself in.

As psychological thrillers go, The Butterfly Effect is pretty standard fare, although some visual effects—the creative use of color in flashbacks and some digital manipulation—do make it interesting.

Even so, the film makes the same tired use of strident sounds, à la Psycho, to surprise audiences that inferior psychodramas rely on (think of Gothika).

At one point Evan tells someone that he doesn't know himself; we never get to know him either. Except for some key events that cause him and others immense pain, we never understand what makes him tick.

There's some sort of mysterious connection with his father, who lives in an insane asylum, but it's never elaborated upon.

Although it's ambitious, the screenplay by **Eric Bress** and **J. Mackye Gruber**—who also directed the film (it's their first)—touches on too many topics to keep straight: childhood peer pressure, juvenile misconduct, and parental sexual abuse.

Each one has its creepy qualities that could be explored but together they amount to little more than a general backdrop, even though they're supposed to be key influences.

Given the fact that people's personalities are pretty much hardwired by age seven (think 7 Up and the subsequent films in **Michael Apted**'s series), The Butterfly Effect may ascribe too much influence by outside factors on how people turn out.

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By Cassandra Davis
MGW Staff

According to the 2004 Gay/Lesbian Consumer Online Census, the majority of us are in relationships (52%), and over a quarter of all respondents were celebrating between one and seven years with their partner. With 7,862 respondents, the Census is the largest GLBT consumer study ever conducted. GLCensus partners, Syracuse University and OpusComm Group, prepare the survey, which is then made available to the online community. ▼

Census findings:

Same-sex relationship status:	
Single	26 %
Single and dating	15 %
Partnered	52 %
Civil Union/Civil Registered/Married	5 %
Widowed/Other	2 %

Length of current relationship:	
Less than a year	11 %
1 – 3 years	31 %
4 –7 years	29 %
8 – 11 years	14 %
12 – 15 years	6 %
16 – 19 years	4 %
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Rally for Equality

By Maggie Bowen
MGW Staff

Marriage Equality California is sponsoring a rally for marriage equality on Valentines day followed by a caravan across Northern California.

The rally will take place on Saturday, February 14 from 11am to 2 pm on the west steps of the State Capitol at 10th Street between L and N Streets.

The purpose of the rally is to celebrate California's Domestic partnerships, but also to demonstrate - through real-life examples of same-sex couples - why anything less than full marriage equality fails to adequately protect them and their children.

Speakers include: Comedian **Margaret Cho, Molly McKay** of Marriage Equality California, Assemblymember **Mark Leno, Molly Henderson** former PFLAG President, **Marino Gatto, Toni Broaddus**, members of the GLBT chorus and several others.

The caravan will leave directly after the rally. Its vehicles will be decorated with "Just Should Be Married" signs, cans and streamers. It will stop at shopping malls to hand out Valentine's Day candy and Marriage Equality information to the public. Members will stop overnight in Redding, then serve as invited speakers at local churches before returning to Sacramento on Sunday afternoon. ▼

Info: mmckay@marriageequality.com

The Forbidden Love

By Angelenia Maestas

Tell me oh Lord,
Lord tell me please

Is it so wrong this love I feel?
I wouldn't know why
It feels so real

Is it so wrong Lord, that I be Damned,
For I love a woman, as I should love a man?

Is it so wrong Lord, the way she makes me feel?
The love she gives me, and its thrill

Is it so wrong Lord that I feel this way?
Should I be punished because I want her to stay?

Is it so wrong Lord, that I need her so much?
The warmth of her skin, the feel of her touch

If it's so wrong Lord, this love within; if some
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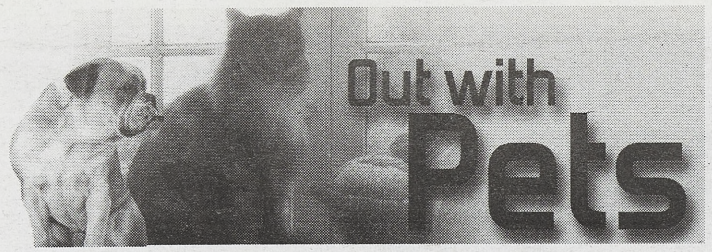

Humane-itarians

MGW Staff

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The SPCA will be hosting its Second Annual Humane-itarian Awards on February 5, from 6 to 9 pm. The ceremony will be held at the Grand Capital Plaza (1215 J Street) to recognize individuals and businesses who have "made selfless contributions to improve and enhance the quality of life for animals in the Sacramento region."

The awards will be presented to a wide range of recipients, from the Engines 71 and 76 of the Elk Grove Fire Department and Elk Grove Ford for rescuing a kitten from the crossbar of an Aerostar Minivan, to rescue dogs that scoured the rubble after the Oklahoma City and World Trade Center disasters.▼

**Info:
sspca.org**

The Stereotypical L Word

**By Lauren Chandler
MGW Staff**

The first season of The "L" Word strives to be the latest successful cable dramedy, but only manages to trip over its own stereotypes. It is a quarter Soap Opera, quarter Lilith Fair, half Soft Porn celebration of...lesbian love?

As far as I can tell, the sort of lesbian love featured on The "L" Word only exists in Penthouse Forum letters. According to the show, lesbians all meticulously style their hair for that "just stepped out of a salon" look, dress and act as though they are on a Paris runway, and can only have sex near water.

That Playboy angle was to be expected – Queer as Folk taught us that much with its hyper-sexed boys; however, the casually scattered offensive stereotypes caught me off guard.

Of course, there is the couple trying to have a baby, which seems to be a prerequisite of any lesbian theme these days. The pair inspires one character on the show to revise the "U-haul joke" as "What does a lesbian bring to a second date? A turkey baster."

Meanwhile, Leisha Hailey's character is obsessed with tracing and recording the seven degrees of relationship separation, especially when it enables her to trace herself to anyone in LA in less than seven steps. From there the group covers a whole spectrum of stereotypes, from a recovering alcoholic, to an older "predatory" lesbian who attempts to "convert" the straight girl next door, to the sullen bad girl slut.

Somehow the show also manages to imply that all lesbians are either involved in the art world or running coffee shops. These ladies are, if possible, more haughty, flaky, and concerned with being hip than the boys on Queer Eye for the Straight Guy. Sure, it's a fun fantasy, but not all of us are cut out to be lipstick lesbians.

Showtime shows an odd need to balance all of the woman-on-woman action with straight sex scenes. The pilot episode made the target audience painfully clear, showing more straight sex than girls kissing. The rest of the episodes were not much better. In perhaps one of the most outrageous scenes from the premiere episode, the long-term couple (there is only one) decides to lure a man into a threesome in order to "harvest his sperm."

Someone needs to tell Hollywood that yes, we want to see ourselves on TV, but that is just it. We want to see ourselves. Gay, straight, black, white, hispanic, male, female, the list goes on. We want to see human beings. Human beings living lives that might have ridiculously contrived comedic situations and problems that are conveniently wrapped up in sixty to thirty minutes, but lives nonetheless.

In the meantime, I would appreciate a disclaimer at the beginning of future episodes, stating that this show in no way represents the lives of real lesbians anywhere, and should not be utilized as a standard to base anyone's opinions on. Unless you are writing a letter to Penthouse.▼

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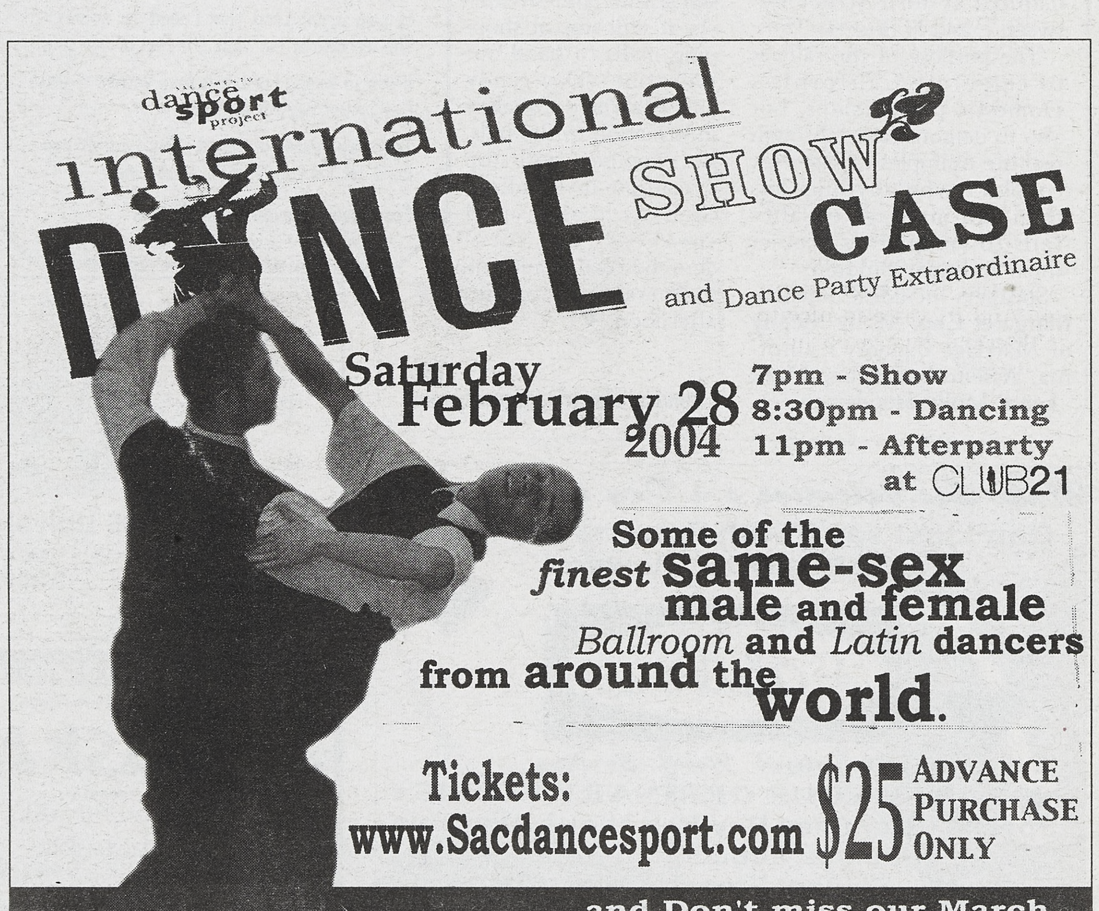
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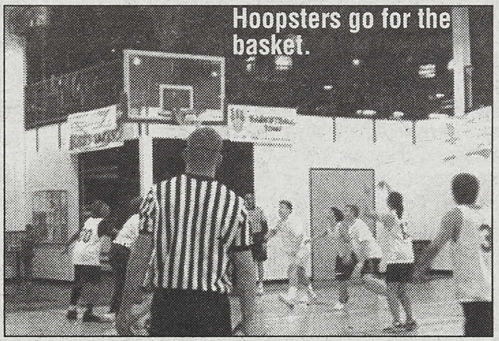
Hoop Sacramento Game Reviews

By Ray Garner
MGW Staff


Hoopsters go for the basket.

FACES 33, HAMBURGER MARY'S 30

Hamburger Mary's is one of league's most pleasant surprises. Last week they won their first game, and Thursday night they played a tough Faces team down to the wire.

In what was arguably the most entertaining game of the season Hamburger Mary's astonished Faces with their gritty defense and efficient offense.

This team looks poised to knock off some of the big boys in the second half of the season. Much like its floor leader **Jeff Freitas**, this team is no longer a pushover.

HEAD HUNTERS 38, CLUB 21 33

Club 21 struggled Thursday night against the tough defense of the rebounding Head Hunters team. Club 21's top three players combined for only 21 points.

You have to hand it to the Head Hunters' suffocating team defense, they make it hard for anyone to score.

It was nice to see them return to form after a crushing loss to Faces the previous week. And it was also nice to see **Alberto Leyva** drop in 21 points. He is steadily moving up the scoring leaders list.

HOT RODS 46, OUT SACRAMENTO 29

The league better watch out because **George Dillard** is starting to get going!

He scored a season high 20 points, but it wasn't enough against a reinvigorated Hot Rods team. Granted OutSac played with only six players making it tough going from the start. Signs of fatigue were evident early. This is a team that plays hard and deserves to win, it is just unfortunate that they have been saddled with such bad luck.

You have **Bekky Wright**, a player much in the same vein as **Liz Fuentes**, who gives it her all every minute of every game even when the game is beyond reach. There is **George Dillard**, a little AI in the making and **Scott Correll** who is excellent around the glass and loves to hustle.

One thing is certain about this team, no matter how many games they may lose, they will never give up. ▼

Standings after week 6:

Faces, 5-1
Head Hunters, 5-1
Club 21, 4-2
Hot Rods, 3-3
Hamburger Marys, 1-5
OutSacramento, 0-6

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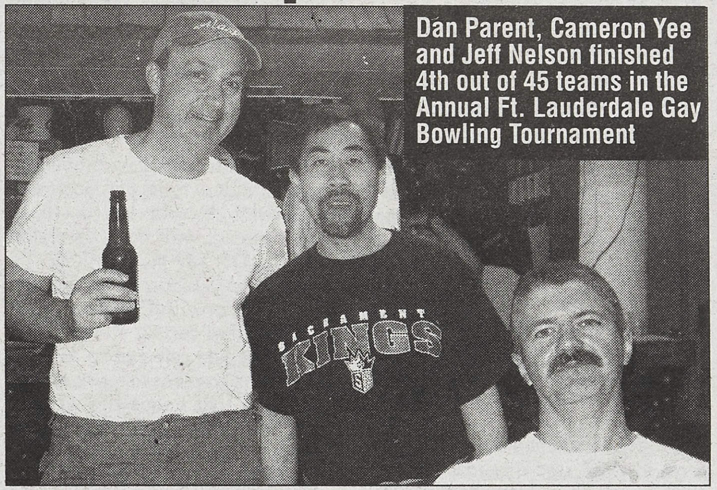
Knocking Pins at FLIRT— Ft. Lauderdale Competition

By Cameron Yee
MGW Staff


Dan Parent, Cameron Yee and Jeff Nelson finished 4th out of 45 teams in the Annual Ft. Lauderdale Gay Bowling Tournament

Recently, **Dan Parent** and I left a cold and gray Sacramento for sunny Ft. Lauderdale. We headed for Ft. Lauderdale's annual gay bowling tournament, FLIRT (Ft. Lauderdale Invitational Regional Tournament). FLIRT is held every year during Martin Luther King Weekend.

The tournament consisted of three games each in singles, doubles and team (with four players per team). The three game total (plus your teammates' totals) and your handicaps in each event are added together, and cash prizes are awarded to the winners.

Typically the first place winner in each event wins $300-400.

I am very happy to inform you that Dan, myself, **Jeff Nelson** (formerly from Sacramento, but now living in Ft. Lauderdale) and **Ron Carpenter** (from Orlando) finished 4th out of 45 teams.

As in our local bowling league, River City Bowlers, there were a wide range of bowling abilities at the tournament. The participants had averages that ranged from 125 to 220. By giving each person a handicap based on their average, the playing field is somewhat leveled between the high and low average bowlers.

Besides the competitive aspect of the tournament, there's a social aspect too. Leaving Sacramento in January for a weekend in a sunny (75°) location, was not a hard decision to make.

It also gave me the chance to meet people from all over the country. Naturally, the majority of the participants were from somewhere in Florida, but I also met people from Atlanta, Boston, New York, Detroit, Seattle and Los Angeles.

So, if this sounds like a fun weekend to you, start by coming down to Sacramento's gay bowling league, River City Bowlers.

Bowling starts at Land Park Bowl on Sunday's at 6pm. There are still some spots open in our winter league. Stop by the bowling alley and ask for **Tom Lane**. ▼

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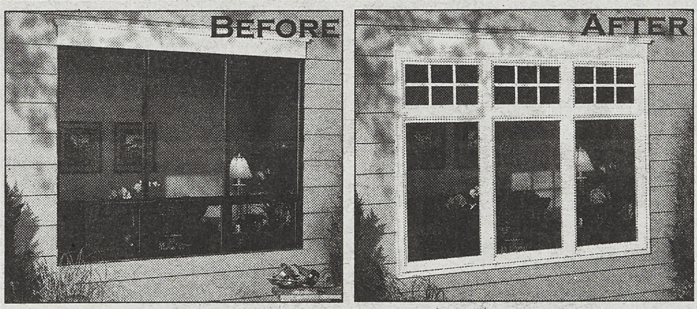

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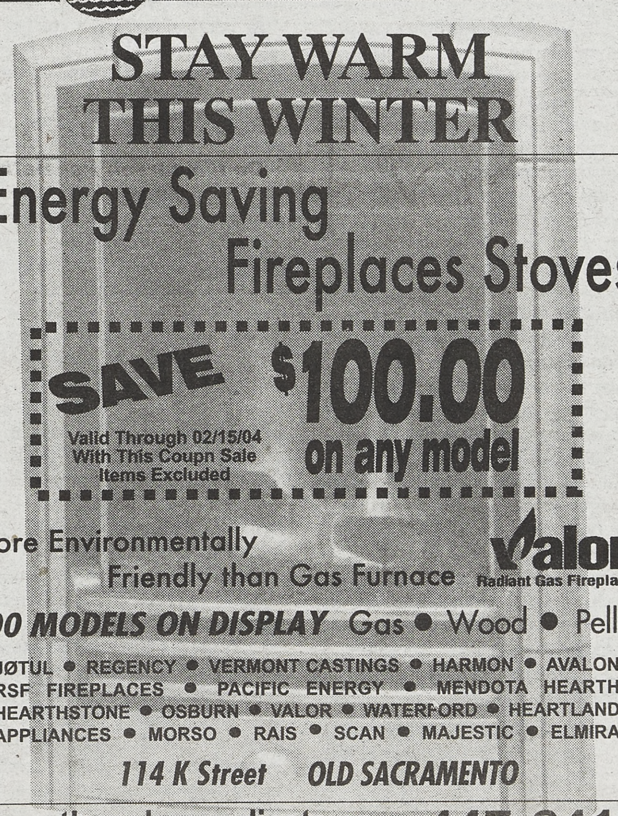

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HIV Newsline

On The HIV Front

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Quilt founder sues, says he was fired by Atlanta directors...

Cleve Jones, creator of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, filed a wrongful termination lawsuit in San Francisco at the end of January against the Names Project Foundation that now owns the Quilt, and manages it from Atlanta. Jones says he was fired after raising concerns the Quilt is "languishing" in the Atlanta warehouse under its current leadership, and being maintained by the Foundation as if it were in a museum.

"To me," he says, "it's unconscionable that (the Quilt) has been allowed to sit in a warehouse when we see in the United States today that the death rates and the infection rates are climbing."

Jones, who stitched the Quilt's first panel in 1987, says that mismanagement by the Foundation doomed his hope of displaying the Quilt in Washington this October. "I thought it was terribly important in an election year to get AIDS back on the radar screen," he says.

Jones, 49, who is HIV-positive, founded the NAMES Project Foundation and was its executive director until he resigned in 1·990 due to illness. He has since served as the public face of the Foundation even after its move to Atlanta, receiving a salary of $41,500, plus health benefits under an oral arrangement Jones said he was promised for life.

The Foundation has responded that it will not cut off medical insurance to Jones, who says that without insurance his medications would cost him $22,000 annually. They also say that Jones had not been fired, but rather that the board was negotiating a new agreement with Jones that "expired" when Jones refused to participate in talks. In the wrongful-firing lawsuit, Jones says he was indeed fired Dec. 31 as the Foundation's spokesperson for questioning the Foundation's direction, and specifically claims the directors have refused to give him information about the organization's finances. He has asked the court to put the Foundation in receivership.

He says that, after approving a Capitol Mall display for this election year, the directors have done "little or nothing" to make it happen. Jones says he personally obtained more than $1 million in pledges for the pre-election display in front of the US Capitol. The Foundation says it dropped the idea because Jones failed to meet the funding goal of $2 million.

Besides compensatory and punitive damages, Jones said he is seeking to have both the Quilt and Foundation's headquarters returned to San Francisco and used to educate young people about the dangers of the disease. The Foundation board says it would like to raise funds to re-open an office in San Francisco, but maintain the headquarters in Atlanta.

Researcher retracts some results..

Leading AIDS researcher **Dr. David Ho** and colleagues partly retracted a paper previously published in a scientific journal in which they identified substances active against HIV — alpha defensins — as produced by CD8 cells. In their retraction letter, "Retraction of an Interpretation," Ho and colleagues say the substances the report identified were not produced by CD8 cells but were introduced into the experiment by contamination.

For years. scientists have been intrigued about a small percentage of people with HIV who live for 10, 15 or more years with no progression to AIDS. **Dr. Jay A. Levy**, of the University of California-SF and editor of the journal AIDS, observed in the 1980s that certain immune cells of those people referred to as long-term nonprogressors produced something that keeps the virus at bay. Since then, researchers have sought to identify this substance, called CD8 antiviral factor (CAF), after the type of immune cell that supposedly produces it.

In their 2002 paper, Ho and colleagues said alpha-defensins — small proteins the body produces to kill bacteria — were "a major component of the long-sought-after CAF." But in today's retraction, Ho and colleagues said alpha-defensins are not produced by CD8 cells. Even at the time the original paper was published, some scientists said a potential flaw in Ho's experiment was that he grew CD8 cells in cultures along with some other white blood cells that might have produced the defensins. And in fact, that is what happened.

"What we have taken for granted in the field over the years is not necessarily correct," said the lead researcher of Ho's team.

Activists vow to fight budget's assistance cuts...

AIDS groups are voicing their opposition to the new Governor's plans to restrict access to HIV/AIDS medications and cut funding to HIV services, as outlined in his proposed budget for 2004-5. As part of **Schwarzenegger**'s plan to reduce the billions of dollars of debt he inherited upon his entry to the governorship, he is proposing a 2 percent cut — $6.6 million — in HIV/AIDS funding; 10 percent cuts in Medi-Cal provider rates; no increase in funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP); and rolling back enrollment in ADAP from 26,000 to 23,900. AIDS groups estimate that ADAP needs an additional $45 million for FY 2004-5, and they warn that the enrollment cap will deny HIV medication to more than 1,400 people and reduce benefits for existing enrollees.

Activists argue that, by limiting access to appropriate treatment, the governor will ultimately contribute to the state's financial problems because, as HIV-infected people without medication get sicker, the state will incur higher costs for emergency and acute care. Assemblymember **John Laird**, who is leading the fight to save ADAP, feels optimistic. Last year, AIDS activists and legislators brokered a deal to kill a proposed ADAP co-payment plan. Laird hopes he can do the same for the enrollment cap. Schwarzenegger will announce revisions in May

Crack-down on illicit use of AIDS weight-gain drug...

Law-enforcement agencies nationwide are continuing to crack down on the llicit trade in Serostim, the growth hormone prescribed to fight AIDS wasting syndrome that has found a new market as a body-building drug.

FDA approval for the use of Serostim is for up to 12 weeks, costing about $21,000. But some doctors keep people on it for up to a year.

The result has been that, first, some people use little or none of the Serostim they're prescribed, and then divert the unused supplies to the black market, where a week's supply can fetch up to $2,000. Secondly, it costs state and federal Medicaid and AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) that foot the bill for many of the prescriptions as much as $80,000 per person. Medicaid paid $74 million for Serostim last year. Any misuse can result in a devastating loss at a time when governments are having to tighten their budgets for AIDS and ADAP monies.

Serostim's manufacturer, Serono of Geneva, says they've worked with the FBI for years to fight prescription forging, counterfeiting, and other misuse of the drug, saying thieves even stole it from Swiss labs during clinical trials. It is a bio-engineered drug that interacts with cells to increase lean body mass. Serono began selling it in the United States in 1996, but sales have fallen because new anti-retrovirals have reduced the problem of AIDS wasting. Serono says about 5,000 people with HIV in this country currently take the drug.

Police have made Serostim busts in California, New York, Hawaii and New Jersey. A Medicaid investigator in San Diego says he believes the problem is being brought under control.

Three execs form new HIV research group...

Three VaxGen executives — President **Donald P. Francis,** research and development Vice President **Phillip Berman**, and finance and administration Vice President **Carter Lee** — are resigning to form a non-profit HIV research foundation. After the failure of its AIDSvax vaccine in human trials last November, VaxGen shifted its focus to bio-defense vaccines, but the three feel strongly about continuing their focus on HIV research.

Francis and Berman will resign from the board as of Feb. 1, but remain consultants to VaxGen. Lee will stay on longer to oversee preparation of VaxGen's 2003 financial statements and provide an orderly transition for the next financial executive.

Viagra side effect — a rise in new cases...

Canadian officials say recent statistics show that about 12 percent of people who tested positive for HIV in the first six months of 2003 were 50 or older. "I have no doubt that Viagra and similar drugs have dramatically changed the sex lives of some older people, and that is going to be reflected in higher rates of HIV/AIDS," said an official at the Canadian AIDS Society. "Clearly, we have to do a better job of targeting our message," he said. Older Canadians with HIV/AIDS are difficult to reach because of taboos about talking about sex, attitudes toward condom use, and reluctance to get tested.

And, said a clinic spokesperson, contrary to popular belief, Viagra and its new competitor, Cialis, are not used solely by older men. The drugs have become part of the rave scene, and his STD clinic is also seeing dramatic rises in chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and herpes.

Would-be parents sue Canadian clinic...

An HIV-positive couple is suing a Quebec fertility center for accepting thousands of dollars from them for fertility treatments, and then later refusing to inseminate the woman "even if the risk of maternal transmission is only two percent... Two percent is not zero percent." A baby born with HIV could later sue the fertility center and the attending physician, said the clinic's new owners, whose ethics committee disagreed with the previous owners' decision to treat the couple.

"Wanting so badly to have a child, the plaintiffs took serious and costly measures with the best specialists in the field in Montreal to receive the best care possible," say the court papers. The couple has now split up, the suit claims, mostly because of the stress of the experience. They want $62,000 in damages and a $7,800 refund on fees paid thus far.

Pope's possible successor encourages condom use...

Despite the Vatican's opposition to the use of condoms as a way to prevent HIV/AIDS transmission, Belgian Cardinal **Godfried Danneels** — seen as a possible successor to the pope — is urging HIV-positive people to use condoms if they have sex. Danneels, 70, said on a Roman Catholic TV program in the Netherlands that an HIV-positive person having sex without a condom would be sinning against the fifth commandment — "You shall not kill."

The Vatican maintains that chastity is the best HIV/AIDS prevention method. "When someone is HIV-positive and his partner says 'I want to have [sexual] relations with you,' then he does not have to do it," said the Belgian archbishop. "But if he does, he has to use a condom. Otherwise he will commit a sin." ▼

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Sacramento Rainbow Festival 2003, 448-7798	Labor Day Weekend
Chico Pride Festival, chicopride2001@hotmail.com	September 2004
Sacramento Valley Aids Walk	September 2004
Palm Springs Short Film Festival, www.palm-springs.org	September 2004
Rosh Hashanah (begins at sundown)	September 2004
National Coming Out Day.	October 2004
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	October 2004
Yom Kippur (begins at sundown)	October 2004
Interpride, www.interpride.org	October 2004
Out on Film–The Gay &Lesbian Film Festival, www.palm-springs.org	October 2004
Indigenous People's Day	October 11, 2004
Daylight Savings Time Ends	October 31, 2004
Halloween	October 31, 2004
Greater Palm Springs Pride, www.palm-springs.org	November 5–6, 2004
Election Day (Please Vote!)	November 2, 2004
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2004
Happy Thanksgiving	November 25, 2004
Hanukkah (begins at sundown)	December 17, 2004
First Day of Winter	December 21, 2004
Merry Christmas!	December 25, 2004
Kwanzaa begins	December 26, 2004
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Palm Springs International Film Festival , www.palm-springs.org	January 8–9, 2004
Sacramento Freedom Fair, 442-0185.	June 14 , 2004
San Francisco Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, 415-703-8650.	June 2004
First Day of Summer	June 21, 2004
Los Angeles Pride Parade, www.lapride.org	June 22, 2004
San Francisco Pride Parade, 415-864-0831, sfpride.org.	June 28–29, 2004
Sweden Gay Pride, www.visit-sweden.com	July 30–August 3, 2004
Montreal's GLBT Celebration,diversite.org	August 2004
Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, 231-757-4766.	August 2004
Provincetown GLBT Family Week, 619-296-0199, familypride.org.	August 2004
S.F. Castro Street Fair, 415-467-3354	October 2004

FEBRUARY

ONGOING

EXHIBIT, Works by CSUS Art Department Faculty, 10am – 5pm, Tuesday – Saturday, University Library Gallery, 916-278-2368. Continues to March 12

FOLSOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY-MAIN STREET USA, SHOPKEEPERS FROM THE PAST, 823 Sutter Street, Folsom, 985-2707; Continues to Feb. 22

1 SUNDAY

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 6 – 7:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185

50th ANNUAL LENAEA FESTIVAL, CSUS, 278-6702

ALCOHOL FREE SUPERBOWL PARTY, Noon – 9pm, Paradise Island Amusement Park at Cal Expo, 922-4000, ext. 7

DRAMATIC WORKS WITH VOICE--EMPYREAN ENSEMBLE, Mondavi Center, Studio Theatre, 8pm, 530-752-7896

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2 MONDAY

WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT PLANNING MEETING, 12-1pm, MU, Moss Hall, UCD, 530-752-3299

MATH CAFÉ, 8:15-10:15pm, 114 North Hall, UCD, tacomar@ucdavis.edu

QUEER GIRL HEALTH SERIES (ages 23 and under), 6-8 pm, SF-LGBT Center, 1-800-264-PRIDE

3 TUESDAY

WEAVE/LAMBDA COLLABORATION, 6pm, Lambda Center, Room D, 442-0185 or 448-2321

4 WEDNESDAY

FRIENDS OF THE CSUS LIBRARY BOOK SALE, 10am – 3pm, University Library Lower Level, 278-5154

ANGELA WITHERSPOON AND SPOONBLUES, Noon, CSUS University Union Redwood Room, 278-6997

SAC VALLEY BEARS – GENERAL MEETING, 7pm, Club 21, 1211 21st St. 393-4748

FIRST STAGES, HIV SUPPORT GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, Room D, 442-0185

NOW MEETING, 5pm, North Hall, UCD, hbhodge@ucdavis.edu

BITTER BALLADS/PAUL HILLIARD, Mondavi Center, Jackson Hall, 8pm, 530-752-7896

BRANSON COMES TO WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE, 8pm, 530-666-9617

5 THURSDAY

YOUTH ORGANIZING YOUTH OUTREACH (YOYO), 7pm, Lambda Center Room A, 442-0185

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CARES BEREAVEMENT POETRY GROUP MEETING, 7pm,CARES, 455-8141

SAC SPCA HUMANE-ITARIAN AWARDS, 6pm, 1215 J St., 383-7387, ext. 9102

SACRAMENTO VALLEY LEATHERMEN EDUCATION SERIES, 7-9PM, 486-5500

6 FRIDAY

"THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES," 8pm, CSUS University Theatre, 278-4323

CAFÉ LAMBDA, 9pm – Midnight, Lambda Center, 442-0185

7 SATURDAY

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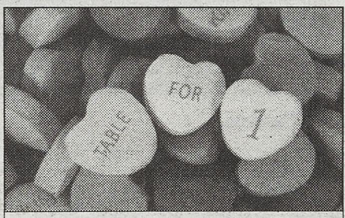

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14 SATURDAY

SECOND SATURDAY ARTWALK—Most Galleries, see below

SOUL FOOD, S/BAD, 8pm, CSUS Dancespace, Solano Hall 1010, 278-4323

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GAY & LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL, Reno Hilton, www. Cinemareno.org.

SAC ZOO – WILDLIFE STAGE SHOW, 11am, 264-5888, saczoo.com

VALENTINE'S DAY RALLY FOR FREEDOM TO MARRY, 11-2pm, State Capitol, 415-875-3204, mmckay@marriageequalityca.org

OVERCOMING HOMOPHOPIA MEETING FOR YOUTH, 9am-5pm, Horace Mann Middle School, SF, 415-552-4229, ohmy@gsanetwork.org

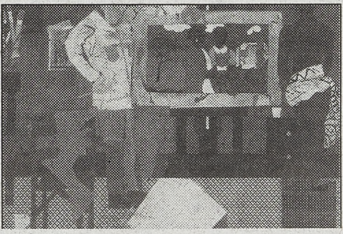
UCD GOSPEL CHOIR, Mondavi Center, Jackson Hall, 8pm, 530-752-7896

APHRODISIAC DANCE, OHMY AFTER PARTY, (under 25), 8-12mid, 450 Guerrero St., SF, 415-703-6150

15 SUNDAY

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 6 – 7:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185

POETRY IN MUSIC 19TH CENTURY BALLADRY, St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 8pm, 530-752-7896



February 7–May 16 Exhibit at San Francisco MOMA

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JAMMIES CLASSICAL EVENING OF MUSIC, 6pm, Mondavi Center, 530-754-2878

16 MONDAY

WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT PLANNING MEETING, 12-1pm, MU, Moss Hall, UCD, 530-752-3299

MATH CAFÉ, 8:15-10:15pm, 114 North Hall, UCD, tacomar@ucdavis.edu

17 TUESDAY

WEAVE/LAMBDA COLLABORATION, 6pm, Lambda Center, Room D, 442-0185 or 448-2321

18 WEDNESDAY

LESBIAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 6:30 – 8pm, Uptown Studio, 912-1/2 J St., 920-7870

FIRST STAGES, HIV SUPPORT GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, Room D, 442-0185

SAC ZOO – SPRING LECTURE SERIES, "Animals Who Share Our Homes—The Truth About Cats & Dogs," 6:30-8pm, 264-8814

NOW MEETING, 5pm, North Hall, UCD, hbhodge@ucdavis.edu.

SACRMENTO OPERA "OPERA TALK," Romeo & Juliette, Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H St., 737-1000

19 THURSDAY

YOUTH ORGANIZING YOUTH OUTREACH (YOYO), 7pm, Lambda Center Room A, 442-0185

WOMEN CONNECTING, LBT Women's Group,7-8:30pm, Every Thursday, 2400 Glendale Ln., Ste. E, Wyndance Center, 973-2838

CARES BEREAVEMENT POETRY GROUP MEETING, 7pm, CARES 455-8141

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ANNUAL STATE OF THE COMMUNITY LUNCHEON, 12 noon – 1:30pm, Sac Convention Center, 447-8683,

52ND ANNUAL PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION Preview party, 6:30-10pm, Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center, SF, 508-548-6700

20 FRIDAY

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS – DINING OUT, Japanese and sushi. No calls after 9pm please, 443-5114

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52ND ANNUAL PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION, 10am-6pm, Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center, SF, 508-548-6700

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21 SATURDAY

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS – SKI HOPE VALLEY, No calls after 9pm please, 925-7590

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TEA AND BOOKSIGNING for Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, author of Acclaimed Marriage, 4pm, STC Mainstage Lobby, 443-6722

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DYKES OUT TOGETHER, GAME NIGHT, 220-0142

CHANTICLEER SINGS ONE WORLD, 8pm, Calvary Presbyterian Church, SF, 415-346-7805

BJACK LYNN: A LIFE IN THE THEATRE, 2pm, Woodland Opera house, 530-666-9617

22 SUNDAY

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 6 – 7:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS – BIKE RIDE FROM FISH HATCHERY TO BEALE'S POINT, 393-4094

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NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY, 8pm, 707-226-8742

ART GALLERIES

20TH STREET ART GALLERY; High School Self-Portrait show opens Feb. 3, Reception Feb. 7, 6-9:30 PM; 911 20th St., 930-0500

CA. PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR; Art Deco Capitalism: Fortune magazine in the 1930's, Jan. 17-June 6; Ongoing: Reverie and Reality thru Feb. 15; William Bailey Prints and Drawings 1973-2003, thru Feb. 8; 100 34th Ave, SF.

CHROMA GALLERY; thru Feb. 8, "Little Gems", 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks. thechromagallery.com

CROCKER ART MUSEUM; Knock on Wood, Nov. 21 – Feb. 8; Ah Leon: The Bridge, Feb. 7 – Apr. 18; Northern Visions of Rome and Ruins: Dutch, German and French drawings, ca. 1580-1780, Feb. 21-May 16; The Grandeur of Rome: Prints by Giovanni Battista Piranesi, Feb. 21-Ma6 16; Early Wedgewood Ceramics, Feb. 21 – May 16; Renoir and His Circle, May 8 – July 11; California's Second Wave: The Blair Collection of Abstract Expressionism, May 8 – July 11; Genetic Engineering: Sculture by Gerald Heffernon, May 29-Aug. 22; Mongolian Art: A living Landscape, July 31 – Oct. 3; Indian Miniatures, July 31 – Oct. 3; Drawing in Italy from 1550 – 1650, Sept. 11 – Nov. 7; Edward Weston: Life Work, Nov. 20 – Jan. 30, 2005; 216 O St, crockerartmuseum.org

EXPLODING HEAD GALLERY; Shannon Richardson, Oil Paintings & Pete Eckert, Photography, Feb. 5-28; 924 12th St., 442-8424

JAYJAY; Spin Out, thru Jan. 31, 5520 Elvas Ave.

JOHN NATSOULAS GALLERY; Landscape Paintings, thru Jan. 31; 521 First St, Davis, 530-756-3938

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MUSEUM OF GLBT HISTORY; Saint Harvey: The Life and Afterlife of a Modern Gay Martyr, June 6 – April 4, 2004, 657 Mission St., www.glbthistory.org

PHOENIX GALLERY;1901 Capitol Ave 447-1632

PIONEER TOWERS ART GALLERY; Mixed Treasures, Jan. 10 - Feb. 11; 515 P. Street, 443-6548

RICHARD L. NELSON GALLERY; Home & Garden: Works from the Fine Arts Collection; Jan. 16 – Mar. 12, Reception Jan. 15, 5-7 PM; 11th Annual Valentines Exhibition; Feb. 1 – 13, Reception Feb. 13, 7-10 PM; Robert Arneson; March 4-July 30 (in the alter a Buehler Alumni & Visitor's Center); Brenda Louie, April 2-May 21, Reception April 1, 5-6 PM; UCD 2004 Masters of Fine Art; June 4-25, Reception June 4, 5-7 PM, UCD One Shields Avenue, 530-752-8500

SF MOMA; Diane Arbus: Revelations, Oct. 25-Feb. 8; Art of the 1990's, Dec. 13 – May 23; Pirkle Jones and the Changing California Landscape, Dec. 20-April 18; Romare Bearden, Feb 7-May 16; 151 3rd St., SF. 415-357-4000

SOLOMON DUBNICK; Feb. 5-28, Stephanie Skalisky, John Berger, Reception Feb. 14, 6-9pm; 2131 Northrup Ave. 923-6204

TOWE AUTO MUSEUM; CLASSIC MOVIE SERIES; Jan.23, 7pm Dave Moreno, Wurlitzer Pipe Organ, 7:30pm, "Million Dollar Legs" with Jack Oakie; 2200 Front St. 442-6802

TOWER FRAMING & DESIGN GALLERY; Table for One, Feb. 5-28, Reception Feb. 14, 6-9 PM; New Paintings by Carrie Cottini, Mar. 2-27, Reception mar. 13, 6-9 PM; 2131 Northrop, Suite B, 923-6204

UCD BERKELEY ART MUSEUM; Ant Farm 1968-1978, Jan. 21-Apr.; 2625 Durant, Berkeley, 510-642-1295

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CAMELLIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA; Emotional Full Stops, Feb. 7, 8 PM, Memorial Auditorium; Chamber Concert, Feb. 22, 6 PM, Holy Spirit Church; Children's Concert, Mar. 7, 2 PM, Tsakopoulos Library Galleria; Mother's Day Concert; May 9, 2 PM, Tsakopoulos Library Galleria; Voices Past and Present, May 15, 8 PM, Westminister Presbyterian Church; 929-6655

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FAIR OAKS THEATRE FESTIVAL; Theatre Under the Stars; June 18 – July 25; American River College, 4700 College Oak Dr., (916) 484 - 8433

FOOTHILL THEATRE; Woody Guthrie's American Song, Feb. 26-Apr. 11, Nevada City, 530-265-9320

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GOLDEN GATE THEATRE; Mamma Mia!, Feb. 24-Apr. 17, 1 Taylor St., SF, 415-512-7770

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SAC COMMUNITY CENTER; Dreamgirls, January 28-February 8, Giselle, February 19-22, Thoroughly Modern Millie, May 5-16, The Producers, June 9-July 4, sacbroadwayseries.com

SAC OPERA; Romeo and Juliette, Feb. 27 & 29, Community Center Theater, 13th & L, 264-5181

SAC THEATRE COMPANY; Arranged Marriage, Feb. 21, 8pm, Convenience, Mar. 13-Apr. 4, 1419 H St., 443-6722

SAN FRANCISCO OPERA COMPANY; Il barbiere di Sivig'ia, Jan. 15, 7:30 PM; La bohème, June 16, 7:30 PM; War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness, (415) 864 – 3330, sfopera.com

SAN JOSE, MUSICAL THEATRE OF; Starlight Express, Feb. 10-29, San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, 255 Almaden B.; 888 – 455 - SHOW

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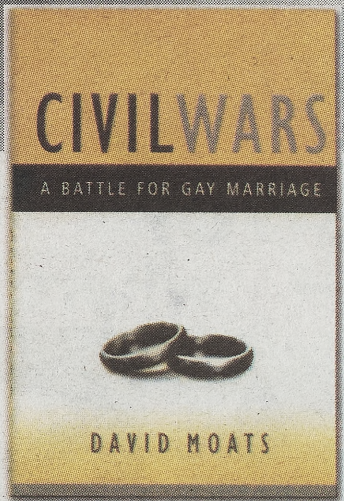


Between the recent Supreme Court ruling in Massachusetts and **Howard Dean**'s run for president, **Civil Wars** by **David Moats** offers timely insight into the reasoning and possibilities behind both, as well as a chance to look back at how far we have – and have not – come in the struggle for gay and lesbian rights.

The book itself examines the Vermont's struggle over Civil Unions, focusing on the time between the Vermont Supreme Court's ruling and Governor Howard Dean's "closeted" signing of the Civil Unions bill. Brief historical backgrounds are included periodically, and serve to inform (or remind) the reader of blips on the human rights timeline, from interracial marriage to Hawaii's brief legalization of gay marriages.

More importantly, personal backgrounds are explored, and compelling pictures form of the human beings who fought – in the courts and on the streets – for gay marriage in Vermont. As a clear image of each player emerges, it becomes easier to see why events in Vermont added up to the establishment of Civil Unions. Moats explores the backgrounds of each member of the three partners who brought the case to court, but he also includes the histories of the lawyers and lawmakers who played key roles in the drama.

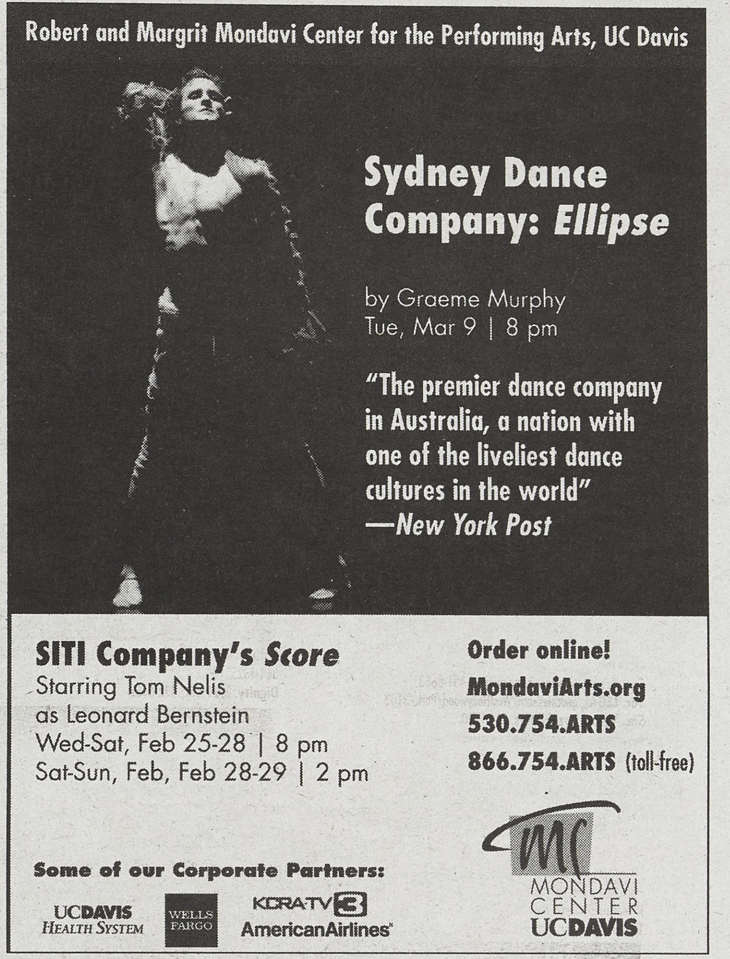
The most wrenching stories (especially for anyone who has been on the receiving end) involve passionate expressions of hate, discrimination flung at homosexuals and lawmakers alike, simply because they were caught up in the debate. But the most telling tales are the small glimpses of courage and compassion, like the man at the Vermont State Fair who stopped to tell **Dorothy Mammen** at the Freedom to Marry Task Force booth that "people should marry who they want" after a woman approached the booth shouting obscenities.

Civil Wars offers up a plethora of amazing stories, all brought together by the common thread of an ordinary state being ripped apart – and sewn together – by an extraordinary court case.

The book has an easy, almost editorial style, conveying the personal and the documentary in the same easy rhythm. Moats' style is hardly surprising, considering his position as editor of the **Rutland Herald**, but in this book he moves beyond journalism, into something warmer that is still easily digested.

The book should be studied as a guide to the political and personal turmoil behind the argument for any gay marriage legislation, but it should also be kept in mind as we approach the 2004 presidential election. Not just because it offers insight into Dean's stance on civil rights, but also because it reflects how any politician and potential presidential candidate might react to legislation supporting gay marriage. The political considerations are important for anyone interested in the issue of same-sex unions, even civil rights in general.

Moats writes, "I did not come to the issue as a gay man. I came to it as a journalist discovering the most extraordinary story I had ever covered," and his book does well to chronicle that story. It is not strictly for a gay audience, nor is it geared toward a straight one. It is for the human in all of us who is looking to understand. ▼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10 Restaurants for Valentine's Day

7 for Lovers—3 where you might get lucky!

By The Closet Gourmet
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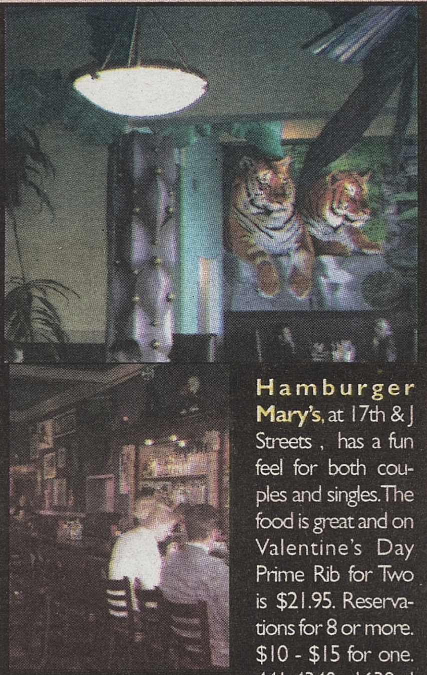
"**Ernesto's**, at the corner of 15th & S, is a great place for a first date," enthused our anonymous reviewer. "Terrific food and a fun, colorful atmosphere." $30-40 for two. No reservations required, but up to a 20 minute wait for this popular eatery. 451-5850, 1901 16th Street.

The **Thai Palace**, at 32nd and J Streets, boasts a cuisine that is both sweet & spicy. Lemon Chicken, Prawns with Silver Noodles and Duck Curry are my favorite dishes. Valentine's Day will feature a complimentary dessert of luscious fried bananas served with tasty coconut ice cream handmade in house. Reservations are advised. $35-$50 for two. 447-5353, 3292 J Street.



Hamburger Mary's
Karaoke on Valentine's Day

Hamburger Mary's, at 17th & J Streets, has a fun feel for both couples and singles. The food is great and on Valentine's Day Prime Rib for Two is $21.95. Reservations for 8 or more. $10 - $15 for one. 441-4340, 1630 J Street.

The Greek Village Inn

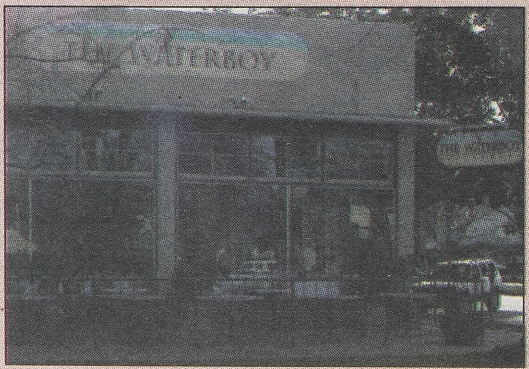
Tucked away in University Village, **The Greek Village Inn** boasts loyal patrons. "I come here all the time." said one diner. "The food is great and the atmosphere is romantic."

My friend and I found the vegetables to be exceptionally fresh, the Dolmathes were excellent and the Avgolemono Soup was superb. Reservations recommended. $30-$40 for two. 922-6334, 65 University Avenue.

The **Limelight Cafe**, on Alhambra between J & K Streets is the place to go for hearty sandwiches and a relaxed atmosphere. Watch sports on a giant screen TV or sit at the bar. About $10 for one. Food will be served til 10pm on Valentine's Day. The bar is open until 2am. 325-1655, 1014 Alhambra Boulevard.

Lucca brings the feel of Soho to Sacramento. With its high ceilings and chic ambience, **Lucca**, located on J near 16th Street, is definitely the place to see and be seen. The food is fabulous. The staff is courteous, and did I mention that the wine list is fantastic? Reservations recommended. Lots of delicious specials for Valentine's Day. $60-$80 for two. 669-5300, 1615 J Street.

Start Valentine's Day (or the day after!) with a Polynesian breakfast at the **Hukilau** Restaurant located on 16th & O Streets. When we ate there, the coffee was freshly brewed, the mango pork sausage was delightfully flavorful without being greasy or too spicy. The macadamia nut waffle topped with coconut and fresh bananas made us feel like we were in the islands. You don't need a reservation yet. $20 for two. 444-5850, 1501 16th Street.



"Clean, elegant and terrific food," is how one anonymous reviewer described **The Waterboy** restaurant. Another said that, "...besides having good food, diners love the casual, yet formal feeling of the place." Better get reservations for this popular spot on Capitol and 20th Streets. $60-$80 for two. 498-9891, 2000 Capitol Avenue.

"It's new and super clean and it's a great place to be at 3am on the weekend." said another one of our anonymous reviewers about **Hot Rod's** on K Street near 20th.

I went there on a Saturday afternoon, watched music videos on the big screen and had a terrific Turkey Burger and the best Onion Rings ever. Under $10 for one. 443-7637, 2001 K Street.

Habanero
Cava Latina

For that Post-Valentine afterglow, try **Habanero** on J Street & 22nd. Diners and dancers gather every Sunday to Tango. The South American entreés are definitely mouth-watering, the interior is cozy and the dancing is sexy. $40-$60 for two. 492-0333, 2115 J Street.